

BrokerCheck Report

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691

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- BrokerCheck reports for individual brokers include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards. BrokerCheck reports for brokerage firms include information on a firm's profile, history, and operations, as well as many of the same disclosure events mentioned above.
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- The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:
 - information FINRA and/or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) require brokers and brokerage firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
 - o information that regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against firms or brokers.

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MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691

SEC# 8-7221

Main Office Location

ONE BRYANT PARK NEW YORK, NY 10036 Regulated by FINRA New York Office

Mailing Address

150 N COLLEGE ST NC1-028-07-01 CHARLOTTE, NC 28255

Business Telephone Number

800-637-7455

This firm is a brokerage firm and an investment adviser firm. For more information about investment adviser firms, visit the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at:

https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov

Report Summary for this Firm



This report summary provides an overview of the brokerage firm. Additional information for this firm can be found in the detailed report.

Firm Profile

This firm is classified as a corporation.

This firm was formed in Delaware on 11/10/1958. Its fiscal year ends in December.

Firm History

Information relating to the brokerage firm's history such as other business names and successions (e.g., mergers, acquisitions) can be found in the detailed report.

Firm Operations

This firm is registered with:

- the SEC
- 6 Self-Regulatory Organizations
- 53 U.S. states and territories

Is this brokerage firm currently suspended with any regulator? **No**

This firm conducts 21 types of businesses.

This firm is affiliated with financial or investment institutions.

This firm has referral or financial arrangements with other brokers or dealers.

Disclosure Events

Brokerage firms are required to disclose certain criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings and financial matters in which the firm or one of its control affiliates has been involved.

Are there events disclosed about this firm?

Yes

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Туре	Count	
Regulatory Event	609	
Civil Event	4	
Arbitration	876	

The number of disclosures from non-registered control affiliates is 181

Firm Profile

This firm is classified as a corporation.

This firm was formed in Delaware on 11/10/1958.

Its fiscal year ends in December.

Firm Names and Locations

This section provides the brokerage firm's full legal name, "Doing Business As" name, business and mailing addresses, telephone number, and any alternate name by which the firm conducts business and where such name is used.

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED Doing business as MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

CRD# 7691

SEC# 8-7221

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Mailing Address

150 N COLLEGE ST NC1-028-07-01 CHARLOTTE, NC 28255

Business Telephone Number

800-637-7455



Firm Profile

This section provides information relating to all direct owners and executive officers of the brokerage firm.



Direct Owners and Executive Officers

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): BAC NORTH AMERICA HOLDING COMPANY

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Domestic Entity

Position SHAREHOLDER

Position Start Date 01/2015

Percentage of Ownership 75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

ALAM, SYED FARUQE

2394838

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Position Start Date

09/2019

Percentage of Ownership

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

No

Is this a public reporting

company?

Nο

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

FAHMY, NANCY MONIR

2689751

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

DIRECTOR

Position

Position Start Date 01/2024



Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)

Percentage of Ownership

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of

Yes

the firm?

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

GELLENE, MATTHEW THOMAS

1977160

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

DIRECTOR

Position Start Date

09/2024

Percentage of Ownership

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the

management or policies of

the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

GUARDINO, JOSEPH ANTHONY JR

2907957

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER & FINOP

Position Start Date

04/2015

Percentage of Ownership

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of No

the firm?

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

HANS, LINDSAY DENARDO

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Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)

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Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position STATE DESIGNATED PRINCIPAL & DIRECTOR

Position Start Date 01/2019

Percentage of Ownership Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): HEATON, DAVID CARLETON JR

5972432

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

Position Start Date 05/2019

Percentage of Ownership Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

No

Is this a public reporting

company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): KARAM, MICHAEL RICHARD

5845148

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Position Start Date 01/2024

Percentage of Ownership Less than 5%



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Direct Owners and Executive Officers (continued)

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

No

Is this a public reporting company?

No

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

SABBIA, LORNA ROSE

1873495

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

Position

DIRECTOR

Position Start Date

05/2019

Percentage of Ownership

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

No

company?

Position

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): SCHIMPF, ERIC A

2494318

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Individual

entity or an individual?

DIRECTOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, STATE DESIGNATED PRINCIPAL

Position Start Date

04/2023

Percentage of Ownership

Less than 5%

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

No

company?

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This section provides information relating to any indirect owners of the brokerage firm.



Indirect Owners

Legal Name & CRD# (if any): BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Domestic Entity

Company through which indirect ownership is established

NB HOLDINGS CORPORATION

Relationship to Direct Owner

SHAREHOLDER

Relationship Established

10/1998

Percentage of Ownership

75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting company?

Yes

Legal Name & CRD# (if any):

NB HOLDINGS CORPORATION

Is this a domestic or foreign entity or an individual?

Domestic Entity

Company through which indirect ownership is established

BAC NORTH AMERICA HOLDING COMPANY

Relationship to Direct Owner

SHAREHOLDER

Relationship Established

10/2008

Percentage of Ownership

75% or more

Does this owner direct the management or policies of the firm?

Yes

Is this a public reporting

Νo

company?

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Firm History

This section provides information relating to any successions (e.g., mergers, acquisitions) involving the firm.

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No information reported.





This section provides information about the regulators (Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), self-regulatory organizations (SROs), and U.S. states and territories) with which the brokerage firm is currently registered and licensed, the date the license became effective, and certain information about the firm's SEC registration.

This firm is currently registered with the SEC, 6 SROs and 53 U.S. states and territories.

Federal Regulator	Status	Date Effective
SEC	Approved	03/12/1959

SEC Registration Questions

This firm is registered with the SEC as:

A broker-dealer: Yes

A broker-dealer and government securities broker or dealer: Yes

A government securities broker or dealer only:

This firm has ceased activity as a government securities broker or dealer: No

Self-Regulatory Organization	Status	Date Effective
FINRA	Approved	01/26/1937
Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.	Approved	10/04/2010
Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.	Approved	08/18/2008
Cboe Exchange, Inc.	Approved	06/17/1981
Nasdaq Stock Market	Approved	07/12/2006
New York Stock Exchange	Approved	11/17/1982

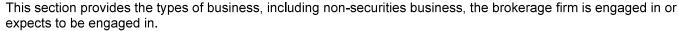




U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
Alabama	Approved	10/24/1981
Alaska	Approved	03/24/1960
Arizona	Approved	06/16/1962
Arkansas	Approved	08/12/1941
California	Approved	01/01/1970
Colorado	Approved	02/01/1983
Connecticut	Approved	03/11/1940
Delaware	Approved	10/06/1981
District of Columbia	Approved	02/26/1965
Florida	Approved	04/27/1983
Georgia	Approved	09/21/1981
Hawaii	Approved	01/12/1959
Idaho	Approved	01/01/1967
Illinois	Approved	01/12/1959
Indiana	Approved	10/20/1981
Iowa	Approved	07/14/1983
Kansas	Approved	01/17/1974
Kentucky	Approved	07/16/1982
Louisiana	Approved	04/20/1983
Maine	Approved	02/13/1984
Maryland	Approved	10/03/1981
Massachusetts	Approved	07/31/1981
Michigan	Approved	02/02/1983
Minnesota	Approved	07/15/1982
Mississippi	Approved	10/14/1981
Missouri	Approved	07/18/1983
Montana	Approved	04/20/1983
Nebraska	Approved	10/08/1981
Nevada	Approved	07/18/1983
New Hampshire	Approved	02/02/1983
New Jersey	Approved	07/13/1983
New Mexico	Approved	10/07/1981
New York	Approved	01/02/1985
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U.S. States & Territories	Status	Date Effective
North Carolina	Approved	07/15/1982
North Dakota	Approved	10/21/1981
Ohio	Approved	07/16/1982
Oklahoma	Approved	07/17/1982
Oregon	Approved	10/24/1981
Pennsylvania	Approved	01/12/1959
Puerto Rico	Approved	09/01/1984
Rhode Island	Approved	02/01/1983
South Carolina	Approved	10/28/1981
South Dakota	Approved	07/15/1982
Tennessee	Approved	08/17/1981
Texas	Approved	06/28/1983
Utah	Approved	04/21/1983
Vermont	Approved	02/13/1984
Virgin Islands	Approved	04/11/2005
Virginia	Approved	09/22/1981
Washington	Approved	04/20/1983
West Virginia	Approved	09/30/1981
Wisconsin	Approved	05/27/1920
Wyoming	Approved	05/22/1965

Types of Business



This firm currently conducts 21 types of businesses.

Types of Business

Exchange member engaged in exchange commission business other than floor activities

Broker or dealer making inter-dealer markets in corporation securities over-the-counter

Broker or dealer retailing corporate equity securities over-the-counter

Broker or dealer selling corporate debt securities

Underwriter or selling group participant (corporate securities other than mutual funds)

Mutual fund retailer

U S. government securities dealer

U S. government securities broker

Municipal securities dealer

Municipal securities broker

Broker or dealer selling variable life insurance or annuities

Solicitor of time deposits in a financial institution

Put and call broker or dealer or option writer

Broker or dealer selling securities of non-profit organizations (e.g., churches, hospitals)

Investment advisory services

Trading securities for own account

Private placements of securities

Broker or dealer selling interests in mortgages or other receivables

Broker or dealer involved in a networking, kiosk or similar arrangment with a: bank, savings bank or association, or credit union

Broker or dealer involved in a networking, kiosk or similar arrangment with a: insurance company or agency

Other - THE APPLICANT ENGAGES IN OTHER SECURITIES & NONSECURITIES BUSINESS THAT ARE NOT LISTED IN ITEM 12, INCLUDING: TRANSACTING IN COMMERCIAL PAPER, OTHER SHORT TERM INSTRUMENTS, EXEMPTED SECURITES & PRECIOUS METALS; OFFERING FINANCIAL PLANNING TOOLS; ENGAGING IN TRANSACTIONS, SUCH AS REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS; AND ENGAGING IN FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES & CLEARING SERVICES.



This firm does effect transactions in commodities, commodity futures, or commodity options. This firm does engage in other non-securities business.

Non-Securities Business Description: THE APPLICANT ENGAGES IN OTHER NONSECURITIES BUSINESS THAT

ARE NOT LISTED IN ITEM 13, INCLUDING: TRANSACTING IN SHORT TERM INSTRUMENTS & PRECIOUS METALS; OFFERING FINANCIAL PLANNING TOOLS; MARGIN LENDING ON SECURITIES; AND FINANCIAL

ADVISORY SERVICES.

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Firm Operations

Clearing Arrangements

This firm does hold or maintain funds or securities or provide clearing services for other broker-dealer(s).

Introducing Arrangements

This firm does refer or introduce customers to other brokers and dealers.

BOFA SECURITIES, INC. Name:

CRD #: 283942

ONE BRYANT PARK **Business Address:**

NEW YORK, NY 10036

Effective Date: 05/13/2019

Description: AS A RESULT OF THE BROKER-DEALER SEPARATION PROJECT

DETAILED TO FINRA IN BOFA SECURITIES, INC.'S FORM NMA APPROVED

12/22/2017 (FILING ID 1205963) AND THE APPLICANT'S FORM CMA APPROVED ON 9/28/2018 (FILING ID 1339941), THE APPLICANT IS ENTERING INTO VARIOUS AGREEMENT WITH BOFA SECURITIES, INC.

ADDRESSING THE MATTERS OUTLINED IN ITEMS 7.

Industry Arrangements



This firm does have books or records maintained by a third party.

Name: GOLD BULLION INTERNATIONAL

Business Address: 485 LEXINGTON AVE, SUITE 304

NEW YORK, NY 10017

Effective Date: 01/06/2025

Description: THE FIRM HAS ENTERED INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH GOLD BULLION

INTERNATIONAL TO MAINTAIN MANUAL TRADE FORMS FOR

BREAKPOINT PRICING ON METALS TRADES.

Name: BUSINESS INFORMATION GROUP, INC. A VERTICAL SCREEN COMPANY

Business Address: 251 VETERANS WAY

WARMINSTER, PA 18974

Effective Date: 08/14/2024

Description: THE FIRM HAS ENTERED INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH BUSINESS

INFORMATION GROUP TO KEEP OR MAINTAIN CERTAIN FINGERPRINT

RECORDS.

Name: 4U PLATFORM, LLC

Business Address: 613 TALCOTT AVE.

LEMONT, IL 60439

Effective Date: 05/01/2020

Description: THE FIRM HAS ENTERED INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH 4U TO KEEP OR

MAINTAIN CERTAIN MARKETING RECORDS.

Name: SAP AMERICA INC.

Business Address: 601 108TH AVE NE. SUITE 1000

BELLEVUE, WA 98004

Effective Date: 11/21/2016

Description: THE FIRM HAS ENTERED INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH SAP TO KEEP

OR MAINTAIN CERTAIN EXPENSE RECORDS.

Name: RR DONNELLEY

Business Address: 35 WEST WACKER DRIVE

STE. 3600

CHICAGO, IL 60601

Industry Arrangements (continued)

Effective Date: 03/01/2022

Description: THE FIRM HAS ENTERED INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH RR DONNELLY

TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL RETIREMENT CLIENT EMPLOYEE

COMMUNICATION RECORDS.

PROOFPOINT, INC. Name:

Business Address: 592 ROSS DRIVE

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

Effective Date: 08/01/2020

Description: THE FIRM HAS ENTERED INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH PROOFPOINT.

INC. TO KEEP OR MAINTAIN DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS RECORDS.

Name: REGED. INC.

Business Address: 2100 GATEWAY CENTER BLVD.

SUITE 200

MORRISVILLE, NC 27560

Effective Date: 07/28/2019

DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF **Description:**

MARKETING AND ADVERTISING COMMUNICATIONS.

ORANGE LOGIC, INC. Name:

Business Address: 19100 VON KARMAN AVE.

SUITE 900

IRVINE, CA 92612

Effective Date: 12/31/2018

THE FIRM HAS ENTERED INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH ORANGE **Description:**

> LOGIC TO PROVIDE A DIGITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT SERVES AS A REPOSITORY FOR VARIOUS MARKETING MATERIALS

INCLUDING TEMPLATES AND ARTWORK.

GENPACT, INC. (F/K/A RAGE FRAMEWORKS, INC.) Name:

Business Address: 3 ALLIED DRIVE

SUITE 230

DEDHAM, MA 02026

Effective Date: 04/01/2015

Description: THE FIRM HAS ENTERED INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WITH GENPACT, INC.

(F/K/A RAGE FRAMEWORKS, INC.) TO KEEP OR MAINTAIN CLIENT

PERFORMANCE REPORTS.

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Industry Arrangements (continued)

Name: BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Business Address: 100 N. TRYON ST, SUITE 170

CHARLOTTE, NC 28255

Effective Date: 01/01/2009

Description: BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROVIDES OPERATIONAL

FACILITIES AND SUPPORT, DATA PROCESSING AND RECORD-KEEPING

FUNCTIONS FOR APPLICANT.

Name: IRON MOUNTAIN (RECALL)

Business Address: 1501 HOOD BLVD.

JACKSONVILLE FL 32254

Effective Date: 06/01/2012

Description: POSITION RECORDS: MISSING, LOST, STOLEN, OR COUNTERFEIT

SECURITIES REPORTS.

Name: IRON MOUNTAIN (RECALL)

Business Address: 2500 HENDERSON DR

SHARON HILL, PA 19079

Effective Date: 06/01/2012

Description: POSITION RECORDS: MISSING, LOST, STOLEN, OR COUNTERFEIT

SECURITIES REPORTS.

Name: SMARSH INC.

Business Address: 851 SW 6TH AVE., SUITE 800

PORTLAND, OR 97204

Effective Date: 01/02/2012

COMMUNICATIONS: ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE BOTH SENT AND **Description:**

RECEIVED; AND ALTERNATIVE TRADING SYSTEM RECORDS: NOTICES

PROVIDED TO ATS CUSTOMERS

Name: BROADRIDGE FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, INC.

Business Address: 5 DAKOTA DRIVE, SUITE 300

LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042

Effective Date: 05/08/2015

ACCOUNT RECORDS -- CONFIRMS OF PURCHASE AND SALE OF **Description:**

SECURITIES

This firm does not have accounts, funds, or securities maintained by a third party.

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This firm does not have customer accounts, funds, or securities maintained by a third party.

Control Persons/Financing

This firm does not have individuals who control its management or policies through agreement.

This firm does not have individuals who wholly or partly finance the firm's business.



Organization Affiliates



This section provides information on control relationships the firm has with other firms in the securities, investment advisory, or banking business.

This firm is, directly or indirectly:

- in control of
- controlled by
- or under common control with

the following partnerships, corporations, or other organizations engaged in the securities or investment advisory business.

BOFA SECURITIES PRIME, INC. is under common control with the firm.

CRD #: 316331

Business Address: ONE BRYANT PARK

NEW YORK, NY 10036

Effective Date: 12/08/2021

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

No

Description: AFFILIATE UNDER COMMON CONTROL, ESTABLISHED IN CONNECTION

WITH PRIME BROKER-RELATED SERVICES

BOFA SECURITIES EUROPE SA is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 112 AVENUE KLEBER

PARIS, FRANCE 75116

Effective Date: 11/12/2018

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: FRANCE

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

Yes

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

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Organization Affiliates (continued)

CRD #: 283942

Business Address: ONE BRYANT PARK

NEW YORK, NY 10036

Effective Date: 01/23/2018

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes **Investment Advisory**

Activities:

Yes

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH MARKETS SINGAPORE PTE, LTD, is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 50 COLLYER QUAY

#14-01 OUE BAYFRONT

SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE 049321

Effective Date: 02/02/2015

Foreign Entity: Yes

SINGAPORE Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

No

Activities:

Description: MERRILL LYNCH MARKETS SINGAPORE PTE. LTD. IS A SUBSIDIARY OF

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH EQUITY S.A.R.L. is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: ATRIUM BUSINESS PARK

33 RUE DU PUITS ROMAIN

BERTRANGE, LUXEMBOURG L-8070

Effective Date: 07/29/2010

Foreign Entity: Yes

LUXEMBOURG Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

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Organization Affiliates (continued)

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Activities:

Yes

Description: MERRILL LYNCH EQUITY S.A.R.L. IS A SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA COMPANY is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: KINGDOM TOWER

20TH FLOOR

RIYADH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA 11623

Effective Date: 01/15/2011

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: SAUDI ARABIA

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory Activities:

No

Description: MERRILL LYNCH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA COMPANY IS A SUBSIDIARY

OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT,

MERRILL LYNCH BANK AND TRUST (CAYMAN) LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: HARBOUR CENTRE, 4TH FLOOR

NORTH CHURCH STREET, PO BOX 1164 GT

GEORGE TOWN, CAYMAN ISLANDS KY1-1102

Effective Date: 12/01/2014

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: CAYMAN ISLANDS

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

No

Description: MERRILL LYNCH BANK AND TRUST (CAYMAN) LIMITED IS A SUBSIDIARY OF

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH SECURITIES (THAILAND) LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 20TH FL, UNIT 4, C.R.C. TOWER, ALL SEASONS PLACE

87/2 WIRELESS ROAD, LUMPINI, PATUMWAN

Organization Affiliates (continued)

Effective Date: 08/01/2013

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: THAILAND

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory Activities:

No

Description: MERRILL LYNCH SECURITIES (THAILAND) IS A SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF

AMERICA CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH MARKETS (AUSTRALIA) PTY. LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: LEVEL 34, GOVERNOR PHILLIP TOWER

1 FARRER PLACE

SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA 2000

Effective Date: 01/22/2013

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: AUSTRALIA

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

Νo

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY-OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, APPLICANT'S PARENT COMPANY.

MERRILL LYNCH (AUSTRALIA) PTY LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: LEVEL 34. GOVERNOR PHILLIP TOWER

1 FARRER PLACE

SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA 2000

Effective Date: 04/23/1971

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: AUSTRALIA

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory No

Activities:

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

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BANK OF AMERICA CUSTODIAL SERVICES (IRELAND) LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 2 PARK PLACE

HATCH STREET DUBLIN, IRELAND 2

Effective Date: 01/01/2009

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: IRELAND

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

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Description:BANK OF AMERICA CUSTODIAL SERVICES (IRELAND) LIMITED IS A

SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT

COMPANY.

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 100 NORTH TRYON ST

SUITE 170

CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

Effective Date: 01/01/2009

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory Yes

Activities:

Description:BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IS A SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF

AMERICA CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

BANK OF AMERICA SINGAPORE LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 50 COLLYER QUAY

#14-01 OUE BAYFRONT

SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE 049321

Effective Date: 01/01/2009

Foreign Entity: Yes

Firm Operations

Organization Affiliates (continued)

Country: SINGAPORE

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

No

Activities:

Description:BANK OF AMERICA SINGAPORE LIMITED IS A SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF

AMERICA CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

BANK OF AMERICA MEXICO, S.A., INSTITUCION DE BANCA MULTIPLE is under common control with the

firm.

Business Address: PASEO DE LA REFORMA 115-19

COL. LOMAS DE CHAPULTEPEC, C.P.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO 11000

Effective Date: 11/01/2010

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: MEXICO

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

No

Activities:

Description:BANK OF AMERICA MEXICO S.A., INSTITUCION DE BANCA MULTIPLE,

GRUPO FINANCIERO BANK OF AMERICA IS A SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF

AMERICA CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES ASIA LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 52/F CHEUNG KONG CENTER

2 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL HONG KONG, HONG KONG

Effective Date: 01/01/2009

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: HONG KONG

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

Yes

Description:BANC OF AMERICA ASIA LIMITED IS A SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

Firm Operations

Organization Affiliates (continued)

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MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH DE ARGENTINA SOCIEDAD ANONIMA, FINANCIERA, MOBILIARIA Y DE MANDATOS is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: TUCUMAN 1

PISO 4

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA 1049

Effective Date: 08/10/1971

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: ARGENTINA

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

Description:

Yes

WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL LLC is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 250 VESEY STREET

NEW YORK, NY 10281

Effective Date: 06/18/1976

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory Activities:

No

Description:

WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH VALUATIONS LLC is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: ONE BRYANT PARK

NEW YORK, NY 10036

Effective Date: 10/07/1974

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Firm Operations

Organization Affiliates (continued)

Investment Advisory

Activities:

No

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH S.A. CORRETORA DE TITULOS E VALORES MOBILIAROS is under common control with the

firm.

Business Address: AV. BIGADEIRO FARIA LIMA 3400 - 16TH FLOOR

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SAO PAULO, BRAZIL 04538-132

Effective Date: 12/31/2004

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: **BRAZIL**

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

No

WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA Description:

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

BANK OF AMERICA YATIRIM BANK AS is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: KANYON OFIS. KAT: 11 BUYUKDERE CAD.

> NO: 185 34394 LEVENT ISTANBUL, TURKEY

01/27/2006 **Effective Date:**

Foreign Entity: Yes

TURKEY Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory No

Activities: Description:

WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

OOO MERRILL LYNCH SECURITIES is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 7 PETROVKA STREET

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Effective Date: 01/09/2007

Foreign Entity: Yes

RUSSIA Country:

Securities Activities: Yes **Investment Advisory** No

Activities:

Description:

WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH (AUSTRALIA) FUTURES LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: LEVEL 34, GOVERNOR PHILLIP TOWER

1 FARRER PLACE

SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA 2000

Effective Date: 10/27/1988

Foreign Entity: Yes

AUSTRALIA Country:

Securities Activities: Yes No

Investment Advisory

Activities: Description:

WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH EQUITIES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: LEVEL 34. GOVERNOR PHILLIP TOWER

1 FARRER PLACE

SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA 2000

Effective Date: 01/20/1997

Foreign Entity: Yes

AUSTRALIA Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory No

Activities:

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

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MERRILL LYNCH (SINGAPORE) PTE LTD. is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 50 COLLYER QUAY

#14-01 OUE BAYFRONT

SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE 049321

Effective Date: 01/11/1995

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: SINGAPORE

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

No

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH SECURITIES (TAIWAN) LTD. is controlled by the firm.

Business Address: 9F & 17F (PART)

207 TUN HWA SOUTH ROAD, SECTION 2

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Effective Date: 09/01/2008

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: TAIWAN

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Yes

Activities:

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH CORREDORES DE BOLSA SPA is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: APOQUINDO 3500

PISO 9, LAS CONDES SANTIAGO, CHILE

Effective Date: 07/18/2008

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: CHILE Case 3:24-cv-00440-KDB-DCK Document 67-5 Filed 02/14/25 Page 29 of 39

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Organization Affiliates (continued)

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

No

Activities:

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MANAGED ACCOUNT ADVISORS LLC is controlled by the firm.

CRD #: 142558

Business Address: 101 HUDSON STREET

9TH FLOOR

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

Effective Date: 02/27/2007

Foreign Entity: No

Country:

Securities Activities: No

Investment Advisory

Activities:

Yes

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

BOFA SECURITIES INDIA LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: GROUND FLOOR, A WING, ONE BKC

G BLOCK, BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, BANDRA (EAST)

MUMBAI, INDIA 400 051

Effective Date: 10/23/1975

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: **INDIA**

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Yes

Activities:

WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA **Description:**

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH FAR EAST LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

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Organization Affiliates (continued)



Business Address: 55/F CHEUNG KONG CENTER

2 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL HONG KONG, HONG KONG

Effective Date: 12/19/1972

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: HONG KONG

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

Yes

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH CAPITAL MARKETS ESPANA, S.A., S.V. is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: CALLE MARQUES DE VILLAMAGNA, 3

TORRE SERRANO, PLANTA 8

MADRID, SPAIN 28001

Effective Date: 06/13/1996

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: SPAIN

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

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Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

PT MERRILL LYNCH SEKURITAS INDONESIA is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: INDONESIA STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING, 18/F

JI. JEND. SUDIRMAN KAV. 52-53 JAKARTA, INDONESIA 12190

Effective Date: 12/05/1994

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: INDONESIA

Securities Activities: Yes

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Organization Affiliates (continued)

Activities:

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH SOUTH AFRICA PROPRIETARY LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

138 WEST STREET **Business Address:**

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SANDTON, SOUTH AFRICA 2196

Effective Date: 02/28/1995

Yes Foreign Entity:

SOUTH AFRICA Country:

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION. ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V., CASA DE BOLSA is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: PASEO DE LA REFORMA NO.115-19

No

COL. LOMAS DE CHAPULTEPEC MÉXICO CITY, MEXICO 11000

Effective Date: 01/09/1995

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: **MEXICO**

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

No

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

BANK OF AMERICA EUROPE DAC is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: TWO PARK PLACE

> HATCH STREET **DUBLIN, IRELAND 2**

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Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: IRELAND

Securities Activities: Yes

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Activities:

Description:

No

WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH (ASIA PACIFIC) LTD. is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 55/F CHEUNG KONG CENTER

2 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL HONG KONG, HONG KONG

Effective Date: 01/16/1987

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: HONG KONG

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

Yes

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH ARGENTINA S.A. is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: DELLA PAOLERA 265

PISO 11

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Effective Date: 02/17/1995

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: ARGENTINA

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

No

Activities: Description:

WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

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MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH LIMITED is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 2 KING EDWARD STREET

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM EC1A 1HQ

Effective Date: 09/16/1960

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: UNITED KINGDOM

Securities Activities: No

Investment Advisory Activities:

Yes

Description:

WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

BOFA SECURITIES JAPAN CO., LTD. is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: NIHONBASHI 1 - CHOME MITSUI BLDG

NIHONBASHI CHUO-KU TOKYO, JAPAN 203-8230

Effective Date: 02/26/1998

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: JAPAN

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

No

Activities:

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA) LTD is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: LEVEL 34, GOVERNOR PHILLIP TOWER

1 FARRER PLACE

SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA 2000

Effective Date: 01/12/1985

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: AUSTRALIA

Securities Activities: No

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Organization Affiliates (continued)

Investment Advisory

Yes

Activities:

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: 2 KING EDWARD STREET

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM EC1A 1HQ

Effective Date: 11/02/1988

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: UNITED KINGDOM

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

Activities:

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Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

MERRILL LYNCH CANADA INC. is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: BROOKFIELD PLACE

181 BAY STREET, SUITE 400 TORONTO, ON, CANADA M5J 2V8

Effective Date: 08/26/1998

Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: CANADA

Securities Activities: Yes

Investment Advisory

No

Activities:

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH BANCO MULTIPLO S.A. is under common control with the firm.

Business Address: AV. BIGADEIRO FARIA LIMA 3400 - 18TH FLOOR

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Foreign Entity: Yes

Country: BRAZIL

Securities Activities: Yes

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Activities:

No

Description: WHOLLY/MAJORITY OWNED INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF BANK OF AMERICA

CORPORATION, ULTIMATE PARENT OF APPLICANT.

This firm is directly or indirectly, controlled by the following:

- bank holding company
- national bank
- state member bank of the Federal Reserve System
- state non-member bank
- savings bank or association
- credit union
- · or foreign bank

BAC NORTH AMERICA HOLDING COMPANY is a Bank Holding Company and controls the firm.

Business Address: 100 NORTH TRYON STREET

CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

Effective Date: 01/01/2015

Description:BAC NORTH AMERICA HOLDING COMPANY IS THE PARENT COMPANY AND

SOLE SHAREHOLDER OF MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH

INCORPORATED.

NB HOLDINGS CORPORATION is a Bank Holding Company and controls the firm.

Business Address: 100 NORTH TRYON STREET

CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

Effective Date: 10/13/2013

Description: NB HOLDINGS CORPORATION IS A BANK HOLDING COMPANY AND THE

SOLE SHAREHOLDER OF BAC NORTH AMERICA HOLDING COMPANY.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION is a Bank Holding Company and controls the firm.

Business Address: 100 NORTH TRYON STREET CHARLOTTE. NC 28022

Organization Affiliates (continued)

Effective Date: 01/01/2009

Description: BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION (56-0906609) IS A MULTI-BANK HOLDING

COMPANY REGISTERED UNDER THE BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF

1956 WITH ITS PRINCIPAL ASSETS BEING THE STOCK OF THE SUBSIDIARIES. ONE OF ITS WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES IS NB

HOLDINGS CORPORATION.



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	Pending	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	0	609	0
Civil Event	1	3	0
Arbitration	N/A	876	N/A



Disclosure Event Details

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This type of disclosure event involves (1) a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations; or (2) a revocation or suspension of the authority of a brokerage firm or its control affiliate to act as an attorney, accountant or federal contractor.

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Reporting Source: Regulator

Current Status: Final

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